

**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Docket No.  
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**To the Commissioner of Patents:**

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:  
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and Jun YAMANISHI  
corresponding to Japanese applications Nos. 2000-394416 filed  
December 26, 2000; 2001-077555 filed March 19, 2001; and  
2001-290539 filed September 25, 2001,  
entitled: METHOD FOR PRODUCING PACKED TOFU

## Enclosed are:

☒ 17 pages of specification.☒ 16 sheets of formal drawings.☒ a newly-executed declaration of the inventors.☒ Abstract.

incorporation by reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application,  
from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied as indicated in the  
preceding box, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accom-  
panying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

☒ an assignment of the invention to KIKKOMAN CORPORATION, including  
assignment cover sheet.

Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449.

copies of the Information Disclosure Statement citations.  
preliminary amendment.

☒ return receipt postcard (MPEP 503), specifically itemized.

a verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27.

applicant claim small entity status.

a certified copy of the Priority Document.

☒ other: Application Data Sheet.

If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, *check appropriate box and supply the requisite informa-  
tion.*

☐ Continuation    ☐ Divisional    ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP)

of prior application No. , filed .

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K0103-US/OH**CLAIMS AS FILED**

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| TOTAL CLAIMS                        | 8 - 20 =  | 0         | X\$ 18 | 0      |
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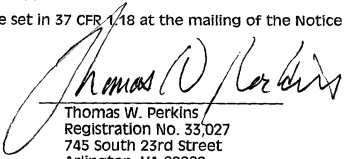
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If applicant has small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27, then divide total fee by 2, and enter amount here.

**SMALL ENTITY  
TOTAL**

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